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SUMMARY: AFM BEGINS VETTING SEVEN POINT INSTITUTIONALIZATION PROGRAM WITH AFM RANK AND FILE AND PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

1. RELIABLE SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBOFF THAT FEB. 17 SESSION OF AFM'S ASSEMBLY OF 200 APPROVED COMPROMISE 7-POINT PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF MOVEMENT. PROPOSAL GENERALLY AGREES WITH INFORMATION DATT OBTAINED FROM GENERALS FREIRE AND MENDES AND REPORTED REF (A).

2. SEVEN POINTS, WHICH ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED WITH AFM RANK AND FILE AND POLITICAL PARTIES PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL BY AFM HIGHERS ORGANS, ARE FOLLOWING:

(A) POSITION OF DEFENSE MINISTER AND MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AFTER NEXT FALL'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WILL BE FILLED BY PERSONS CHOSEN BY AFM.

(B) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MUST HAVE AFM APPROVAL.

(C) UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION, COUNCIL OF STATE WILL HAVE LEGISLATIVE POWERS. COUNCIL WILL HAVE MAJORITY OF MILITARY MEMBERS, AND AFM WILL HAVE HADN IN SELECTION OF THOSE CIVILIANS ON COUNCIL.

(D) AFM WILL LAST FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

(E) FUTURE MODIFICATIONS TO RECENTLY APPROVED ECONOMIC PROGRAM MAY ONLY BE MORE AND NOT LESS "PROGRESSIVE."

(F) CAMPAIGN FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WILL NOT START ON MARCH 3 UNLESS POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE FIRST ARRIVED AT AN UNDERSTANDING WITH AFM REGARDING CERTAIN MINIMUM COMMON FEATURES OF CONSTITUTION;

(G) FUTURE CONSTITUTION WILL INCLUDE AND BE BASED UPON THE AFM PROGRAM.

3. SOURCES CLAIM THAT AS PART OF COMPROMISE AFM SUPERIOR COUNCIL AGREED THAT MAJ. VICTOR ALVES WOULD LOSE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE AND INFORMATION.

(COMMENT: THESE TWO MINISTRIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ADMIRAL SILVANO RIBEIRO AND CDR. JORGE COOREIA JESUINO RESPECTIVELY).

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4. COMMENT: ONE OF MOST IMMEDIATE IMPLICATIONS OF ABOVE PACKAGE IS THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GENERAL SPINOLA TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT, SINCE AFM UNLIKELY TO SANCTION HIS CANDIDACY. IT IS NOT CLEAR YET HOW MUCH INFLUENCE PARTIES WILL HAVE OVER CONTENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVEN-POINT PROPOSAL.

5. WE ALSO NOTE THAT FREIRE AND MENDES EMPHASIZE HEIGHTENED
ROLE OF JSN (REF A), WHEREAS OTHER SOURCES SUGGEST ACCRETION
OF POWER TO JSN IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.
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